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SUBJECT: U.S. PARTICIPATION IN CHIANG KAI-SHEK FUNERAL

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1. WE HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED BY THE OFFICE OF PROTOCOL, MOFA, THAT THE GROC HAS DESIGNATED APRIL 16 (SIXTEEN) AS THE KEY DATE FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE FUNERAL CEREMONY OF THE LATE PRESIDENT BY FOREIGN DIGNATARIES AND GUESTS. WHILE THE DATE IS FIRM LITTLE ELSE IS KNOWN FOR CERTAIN AS WE ARE ADVISED THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE FUNERAL COMMITTEE AND ITS SUB-COMMITTEES ARE CONTINUING. IT MAY BE SOME DAYS BEFORE WE CAN PROVIDE DETAILED ANSWERS FOR QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL, IN PARTICULAR PARAS C, D, AND E. SUGGESTIONS FOR PARAS F AND G ARE IN PREPARATION AND WILL BE FORWARDED SHORTLY. WE ARE IMPRESSING UPON MOFA THE NEED FOR DETAILED INFORMATION ON FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS SOONEST.

2. WE UNDERSTAND INFORMALLY THAT THE FOLLOWING DETAILS HAVE BEEN DECIDED BUT NOT RPT NOT YET OFFICIALLY AFFIRMED:

A. OPTIMAL ARRIVAL DATE IS APRIL 14.

B. A LIMITED, POSSIBLY PRIVATE, CHURCH SERVICE WILL

BE HELD SOME TIME PRIOR TO APRIL 16, TIME AND PLACE

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UNKNOWN.

C. TWO EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 16 ARE (1) A MEMORIAL SERVICE AT SUN YAT-SEN MEMORIAL HALL; AND (2) INTER-MENT AT A SITE IN TAO YUAN HSIEN.

3. PROTOCOL HAS NO INFORMATION YET ABOUT COMPOSITION OF THIRD COUNTRY DELEGATIONS, BUT THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN MENTIONED IN THE ENGLISH PRESS AS INTENDING TO SEND DELEGATIONS: REPUBLIC VIETNAM, KOREA, THAILAND, THE PHILIPPINES, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC AND "MANY COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA." ADDITIONALLY, THE ENGLISH AND LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT JAPAN'S LDP IS SENDING FORMER PRIME MINISTER SATO AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE.

4. WE WILL PASS INFORMATION ABOUT DELEGATES EXPECTED TO ATTEND AS SOON AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE, BUT DEPT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER CANVASSING THIRD COUNTRIES WITH WHICH GROC HAS RELATIONS. UNGER

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